

September 21, 2020; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 20-32

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT  
AUGMENTATION FOR SMM-84-1625, NON-PERSONAL INTERPRETATION

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code;

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested a grant from Proposition 84, Section 75050(g)(2) of the Public Resources Code;

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants for protection and restoration of land and water resources in the watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River and the Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 75005(i) "Interpretation" includes, but is not limited to, a visitor serving amenity that educates and communicates the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources in a way that increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources and that may utilize the expertise of a naturalist or other specialist skilled at educational interpretation;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, implement the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, implement the *Los Angeles County River Master Plan*, implement the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan*, further cooperation with local governments in the region to secure open space and parkland, expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment, expand education, public access, and resource stewardship;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*;

WHEREAS, the proposed action is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law;

WHEREAS, the proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Now

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy;
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives;
3. FINDS that the proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 84;
4. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated September 21, 2020 for this item;
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
7. AUTHORIZES a grant augmentation of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$100,000 for grant agreement SMM-84-1625, Non-Personal Interpretation, Los Angeles; and
8. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ *End of Resolution* ~

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director